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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 1999 and made final, entry of the present amendment in the above-identified application is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10 and 23.

Please add new claims 29 and 30 as follows:

1. 29. A cannula for receiving surgical instruments for performing a surgical procedure on a body, said cannula comprising: